

# Lake Park Villager

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## CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**August 16 –** 7:00 Economic Development Commission Meeting

**August 23 –** 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting **September 12 –** 7:00 Village Council Meeting

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

AUGUST 10, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK SAGES**

AUGUST 11, 7:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH SOCIAL BUILDING

LAKE PARK CAREFREE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 22, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK HOA ARCHITECTURE MTG**

AUGUST 24, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)

AUGUST 30, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH STREET

**ECON. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS LEADERS QUARTERLY MTG** 

SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

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OCTOBER 16, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

The Council is pleased to introduce the new official municipal web site for Lake Park. See it at: http://www.lakeparknc.gov



# **Council Appoints New Member**

Jo Waybright named as new member

After considering the presentations and letters of interest from six very qualified individuals, the Village Council nominated and appointed Jo Waybright to fill its vacant seat. Mrs. Waybright brings to the council experience in various government positions as well as numerous years serving as a volunteer for practically every Lake Park event.

Prior to moving to Lake Park almost seven years ago, Jo worked for the Fairfax, Virginia county government where she served as a deputy clerk in circuit court. She also worked in the office of comprehensive planning and retired from the department of public works as the technical supervisor of public information and fee collection.

The Council is excited to have such a qualified and dedicated individual as its newest member.

# **July Council Meeting**

Highlights from July 19 meeting

The Lake Park Council met in the community center on July 19 for its monthly meeting. The meeting began with public comments where a resident presented an idea for a village dog park. The park would be a place where residents could bring their dogs – especially for those residents without a fenced yard. The Parks and Rec. commission is looking at the possibility of moving forward with the idea. In addition, a resident urged the council to approve the funding for an additional officer from the Union County Sheriff's department – the position endorsed by the Security Task Force.

The council then appointed Sandy Coughlin as the new Mayor Pro Tem. In this capacity, Ms. Coughlin will run the council meetings if the mayor is unable to attend.

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# For your information...

### **New Council Email Addresses**

Along with the new municipal web site for the Village of Lake Park, the council now has new email addresses. The format of the addresses is the same as the old addresses except the ".com" should be replaced by ".gov". For all addresses, they should follow the standard format of <a href="mailto:first.last@lakeparknc.gov">first.last@lakeparknc.gov</a> – this includes the village clerk and financial officer who formerly had their position as the address instead of their name.

### **Upcoming Road Work in Village**

The council met with McCollum & Associates, the contractor approved to do road repairs within the village. In this meeting, they discussed the next phase of paving in Lake Park. The roads affected in this phase will be Courtland, Balsam, Kenmore, Mayhurst and Olsen. The estimated cost of repairs will be \$82,000. The current plan is to do another phase of work in the fall of this year. Please take note of the work on the roads and refrain from parking in the road while the contractor is working on these roads.

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Deputy Miles asked the village to contribute between \$500 and \$700 to help fund the National Night Out event. The council agreed to give \$700 to help cover the event's expenses.

Council member Mack Currence made a motion for the council to adopt the Security Task Force recommendation to employ a second deputy from the Union County Sheriff's Office. This would give the Lake Park 80 hours of dedicated law enforcement presence within the village limits. The council unanimously approved the motion. The second deputy will begin serving in several months after training and orientation for the post.

The Parks and Rec. Commission reported that 44 fishing permits have been issued to village residents. In addition, pool memberships are at 214 with 733 walk-ups. The commission is also in the process of prioritizing the maintenance and repairs needed in the village. The mayor also requested that the commission consider maintaining the Frisbee Golf Course.

The Economic Development Commission has met with 12 of the 18 businesses in the Town Center. They are looking for three volunteers to serve on the commission. The next meeting for the commission is on August 16, and the next quarterly meeting with the business leaders is on September 18.

# **Security Report**

For June 2006

In June, the Sheriff's office responded to a total of 87 calls within Lake Park (up 22 from the month of May). The greatest number of calls (14) was for general disturbances. The department responded to 11 general calls (for either information or for civil matters). In addition to these calls, there were nine traffic enforcement vehicle stops, eight arrest warrant services, six calls for larceny and five calls for breaking and/or entering.

# Thank You from the Council

The Council would like to express thanks to the members of the Security Task Force. This group of residents spent many hours deliberating a large number of options for improved village security. Because of their work, the Council feels confident that hiring an additional Union County Deputy is the best option for Lake Park.

The Council would also like to thank the numerous people who made the Fourth of July Celebration a success. Because of their countless hours of assistance and hard work, hundreds of residents were able to enjoy lunch, great entertainment, and time with neighbors and friends.